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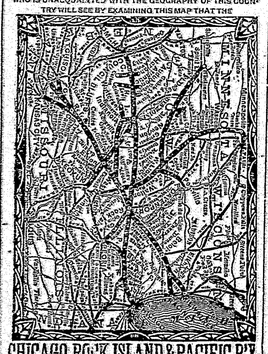
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WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

An Overflowing Treasury—What to Do with the Surplus Funds—The Perplexing Mormon Question—The Civil Service—Presidential Succession, Etc., Etc.

In his message to Congress, President Arthur says:—At the threshold of your deliberations, I congratulate you upon the favorable aspect of the domestic and foreign affairs of this Government. Our relations with either countries continue to be upon a friendly footing. During the year there have been perfected and proclaimed consular and commercial treaties with several nations, with which such treaties did not heretofore exist.

THE SURPLUS REVENUE.

If the revenue for the fiscal year which will end on June 30, 1885, be estimated upon the basis of existing laws, the Secretary is of opinion that for that year the receipts will exceed $60,000,000, the ordinary expenditures including the amount devoted to the sinking fund.

Hitherto the surplus, as rapidly as it has accumulated, has been devoted to the reduction of the national debt. As a result the only bonds now outstanding which are redeemable at the pleasure of the Government are the three per cents, amounting to about $305,000,000.

The four and one-half per cents., amounting to $250,000,000, and the $737,000,000 four per cents., are not payable until 1891 and 1907, respectively.

If the surplus shall hereafter be as large as the Treasury estimates now indicate, the three per cent. bonds may all be redeemed at least four years before any of the four and one-half per cent. can be called in. The latter at the same rate of accumulation of surplus can be paid at maturity, and the moneys requisite for the redemption of the four per cents. will be in the Treasury many years before those obligations become payable.

There are cogent reasons, however, why the national indebtedness should not be thus rapidly extinguished; chief among them is the fact that only by excessive taxation is such rapidity attainable.

In a communication to the Congress at its last session, I recommended that all excise taxes be abolished, except those relating to distilled spirits, and that substantial reductions also be made in the revenue from customs. A statute has since been enacted by which the annual tax and tariff receipts of the Government have been cut down to the extent of at least fifty or sixty millions of dollars.

While I have no doubt that still further reductions may be wisely made, I do not advise the adoption at this session of any measures for large diminution of the national revenues. The results of the legislation of the last session of the Congress have not as yet become sufficiently apparent to justify any radical revision or sweeping modification of existing law. In the interval which must elapse before the effects of the act of March 3, 1883, can be definitely ascertained, a portion of the surplus revenues may be wisely applied to the long neglected duty of rehabilitating our nation and providing coast defences for the protection of our harbors. This is a matter to which I shall again advert.

THE NATIONAL CURRENCY.

Immediately associated with the financial subject discussed is the important question, What legislation is needed regarding the national currency?

The aggregate amount of bonds now on deposit in the Treasury to support the national bank circulation is about $350,000,000. Nearly $200,000,000 of this amount consists of three per cents, which, as already stated, are payable at the pleasure of the Government, and are likely to be called in within less than four years, unless, meantime, the surplus revenues shall be diminished.

The probable effect of such an extensive retirement of the securities which are the basis of the national bank circulation would be such a contraction of the volume of the currency as to produce grave commercial embarrassments.

How can this danger be obviated? The most effectual plan, and one whose adoption at the earliest practicable opportunity I shall heartily approve, has already been indicated. If the revenues of the next four years shall be kept substantially commensurate with the expenses, the volume of circulation will not be likely to suffer any material disturbance.

But if, on the other hand, there shall be great delay in reducing taxation, it will become necessary either to substitute some other form of currency in place of the national bank notes, or to make important changes in the laws by which their circulation is now controlled.

In my judgment the latter course is far preferable. I commend to your attention the very interesting and thoughtful suggestions upon this subject which appear in the Secretary's report.

The objections which he urges against the acceptance of any other securities than the obligations of the Government itself as a foundation for national bank circulation seem to me insuperable.

For averting the threatened contraction two courses have been suggested, either of which is probably feasible. One is the issuance of new bonds, having many years to run, bearing a low rate of interest, and exchangeable upon specific terms of those now outstanding. The other course, which commends itself to my own judgment as the better, is the enactment of a law repealing the tax on circulation and permitting the banks to issue notes for an amount equal to ninety per cent. of the market value instead of as now the face value of their deposited bonds. I agree with the Secretary in the belief that the adoption of this plan would afford the necessary relief.

THE TRADE DOLLAR.

The trade dollar was coined for the purpose of traffic in countries where silver passed at its value as ascertained by its weight and fineness. It never had a legal tender quality. Large numbers of these coins entered, however, into the volume of our currency. By common consent their circulation in domestic trade has now ceased, and they have thus become a disturbing element. They should not be longer permitted to embarrass our currency system. I recommend that provision be made for their reception by the Treasury and the mints as bullion, at a small percentage above the current market price of silver of like fineness.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

I am convinced, says the President, that polygamy has become so strongly intrenched in the Territory of Utah that it is profitless to attack it with any but the stoutest weapons which constitutional legislation can fashion. I favor therefore the repeal of the act upon which the existing Government depends, the assumption by the National Legislature of the entire political control of the Territory, and the establishment of a commission with such powers and duties as shall be delegated to it by law.

PROTECTING THE FORESTS.

In my last annual message I called attention to the necessity of protecting by suitable legislation the forests situated upon the public domain. In many portions of the West the pursuit of general agriculture is only made practicable by resort to irrigation, while successful irrigation would itself be impossible without the aid afforded by forests in contributing to the regularity and constancy of the supply of water.

AMERICAN PORK IN FRANCE.

The legislation of France against the importation of prepared swine products from the United States has been repealed. That result is due no less to the friendly representations of this Government than to a growing conviction in France that the restriction was not demanded by any real danger to health. Germany still prohibits the introduction of all swine products from America.

I extended to the Imperial Government a friendly invitation to send exports to the United States to inquire whether the use of those products was dangerous to health. This invitation was declined. I have believed it of such importance, however, that the exact facts should be ascertained and promulgated that I have appointed a competent Commission to make a thorough investigation of the subject.

Its members have shown their public spirit by accepting their trust without pledge or compensation, but I trust that Congress will see in the national and international bearing of the matter a sufficient motive for providing at least for reimbursement of such expenses as they may necessarily incur.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION.

I have previously referred to the alarming state of illiteracy in certain portions of the country, and again submit for the consideration of Congress whether some federal aid should be extended to public primary education wherein adequate provision therefor has not already been made.

THE CATTLE INDUSTRY.

At the instance of the Commissioner of Agriculture a convention of those interested in the cattle industry of the country was lately held at Chicago. The prevalence of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases of animals was one of the chief topics of discussion. A Committee of the Convention will invite your co-operation in investigating the causes of these diseases and providing methods for their prevention and cure.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The annual report of the Civil Service Commission, which will soon be submitted to Congress, will doubtless afford the means of a more definite judgment, than I am now prepared to express as to the merits of the new system. I am persuaded that its effects have thus far proved beneficial. Its practical methods appear to be adequate for the ends proposed, and there has been no serious difficulty in carrying them into effect. Since the 16th of July last, no person, so far as I am aware, has been appointed to the public service in the classified portions thereof at any of the departments, or at any of the post-offices and customs districts above named, except those certified by the Commission to be the most competent on the basis of examinations held in conformity to the rules.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.

At the time when the present Executive entered upon his office, his death, removal, resignation, or inability to discharge his duties would have left the Government without a constitutional head.

It is possible, of course, that a similar contingency may again arise, unless the wisdom of Congress shall provide against its recurrence. The Senate at its last session, after full consideration, passed an act relating to this subject which will now, I trust, commend itself to the approval of both Houses of Congress.

The clause of the Constitution upon which must depend any law regulating the Presidential succession, presents also for solution other questions of paramount importance.

These questions relate to the proper interpretation of the phrase "inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office," our organic law providing that, when the President shall suffer from such inability, the Presidential office shall devolve upon the Vice-President, who must himself, under like circumstances, give place to such officer as Congress may by law appoint to act as President.

I need not here set forth the numerous and interesting inquiries which are suggested by the words of the Constitution. They were fully stated in my first communication to Congress, and have since been the subject of frequent deliberation in that body.

It is greatly to be hoped that these momentous questions will find speedy solution, lest emergencies may arise when longer delay will be impossible, and any determination, albeit the wisest, may furnish cause for anxiety and alarm.

NEED OF A PARTIAL VETO.

For the reasons fully stated in my last annual message, I repeat my recommendation that Congress propose an amendment to that provision of the Constitution which prescribes the formalities for the enactment of laws, whereby, in respect to bills for the appropriation of public moneys, the Executive may be enabled, while giving his approval to particular items, to interpose his veto as to such others as do not commend themselves to his judgment.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION.

The fourteenth amendment of the Constitution confers the rights of citizenship upon all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof. It was the special purpose of this amendment to insure to members of the colored race the full enjoyment of civil and political rights.

Certain statutory provisions intended to secure the enforcement of those rights have been recently declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Any legislation whereby Congress may lawfully supplement the guarantees which the constitution affords for the equal enjoyment by all the citizens of the United States of every right, privilege, and immunity of citizenship, will receive my unhesitating approval.

A NEW YORK man has asked for a divorce because a mustache is sprouting on his wife's lip. As a rule it makes a man mad to have any mustache on his wife's lip but his own.—*Middletown Transcript.*

HARRY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

BY MARY A. BARR.

Cuddling down on the sheepskin rug,
Fleecy and warm and white,
Three little happy children talk,
Talk low in the warm fire-light.
"It is Christmas-eve!" says Harry;
"It is Christmas-eve!" says Grace;
"'Tis Kismas-eve!" lisps little Kate,
Lifting her dimpled face.

"And Santa Claus is coming to-night,
Coming when we are asleep;
And mother says he is sure to bring
Just what we want, to keep."
"Then he will bring me a golden ring."
"He'll bring me a doll, I know."
Said Harry, "He'll bring me a ship,
With sails as white as the snow."

So they spoke of their coming joys
In the ruddy fire-light's glow.
And Harry said, in a whisper,
"Oh, wouldn't I like to know
Where father is sailing to-night—
Father, away on the sea!
Mother says it is Christmas-eve
Wherever his ship may be."

Then three little white-robed figures
Went hand in hand upstairs,
And three little tender faces
Bent low for their Christmas prayers.
The doll and the golden ring
In slumber were soon forgot;
But Harry, with open eyes, lay still,
Heart full of a tender plot.

When the house was very quiet
He crept to the chimney-place,
Tucked a tiny note in his stocking,
And fled with a happy face.
'Twas only a little boy's message,
By some passing angel taught,
Only a sweet unselfish wish,
Only an exquisite thought.

A message to Santa Claus; it read:
"My father is off on the sea;
Please fill my stocking with kisses,
And take them to him from me."
Ah, surely the good God read it,
For the ship came home that night,
And Harry was clasped in his father's arms
At the dawn of the Christmas light.

A HEATHEN'S CHRISTMAS.

Bertha Reichardt's fair face glowed with excitement as she leaned from the carriage and gazed with wondering eyes at the swift, changing panorama of the brilliant streets through which they were passing on the first Christmas Eve ever marked in her life of seventeen years.

The gray-haired, grave-faced man sitting opposite watched with the curious, critical air of a student with whom fact is more than a feeling the surprising transformations of a countenance which had always been to him a book of revelations, though requiring often the interpretation of a nature more spiritual and sympathetic than his own.

"This is a stimulation of a different sort from what we have known in our wild mustang rides through lonely canons and mountain passes, is it not, my little girl? It pleases thee better?" he asked, with smiling interest in the effect of the heretofore untested influences of civilization.

The girl drew a long, tremulous breath.

"It is like wonderland. Is it really true, or only a tale of Arabian Nights, perhaps?" and she swept her hands across her eyes as though to dispel the illusions of a dream.

Paul Reichardt laughed softly between slow, delicious draughts of the cigar he was smoking with frontier freedom, studying his lovely daughter with a pride and fondness of admiration in striking contrast to his utter indifference to the scenes which were thrilling her with nervous excitement.

"You are not aware, my dear, how wonderfully becoming is this new and fashionable costume into which you have magically stepped since our arrival in the city," said he, viewing, with a kind of boyish amazement, the marvelous construction and exquisite adaptation of the costly fabrics he had ordered to the graceful, petite figure, hitherto seen only in simple, serviceable serges and flannels of the severest fashion. "I half fear my little girl of the mountains is lost in the suddenly developed creature of style. And yet, how utterly unconscious she is of her newly-sprouted plumage, the starling. Yes, yes," he added, with recollection of her wonder; "all that you see is real—as realities go. You are not dreaming, child. This is the world of which you have read in books. What think you?"

"I cannot tell," the girl replied; "I—I am bewildered. Is it a festival? The young faces look so joyous and expectant and there is such a delightful rush and tumult, as if all were hastening to a happy goal."

"All?" Reichardt asked, with cynical meaning.

A swift cloud dropped over the sunlight of Bertha's face.

"There seems a sullen, sad undercurrent, with backward flow, I might fancy. It is like the feeling I have when I sit listening to the roar of the cataract," she said, as though the whole thing were a mental emotion; "and under the thunder I seem to hear the murmur of a still, small stream that unriddles all the mystery. If I could understand—But look! is not that a glimpse of fairy-land indeed?" and she raised her hand before the windows of an elegant residence, through the rich draperies of which were revealed the loveliest of interiors ablaze with the splendor of a brilliantly lighted tree, about which circled a group of young people, whose delight seemed to find expression in the divine strains of music wafting with heavenly sweetness on the air. "What does it mean?" was Bertha's breathless wonder.

"A Christmas symbol," Reichardt explained, at the same moment stretching his gaunt finger at a trio of tattered and haggard-looking children clinging to the balcony and staring, with eager, hungry, and hopeless gaze, at the luxury and loveliness beyond the plate glass.

Bertha gasped with a sudden stab of pain.

"I don't understand," she said. "What is Christmas?"

Paul Reichardt smiled with the thought of such inconceivable ignorance in a Christian land—ignorance which he, for his own, and to himself satisfactory, reasons, had striven as scrupulously to cultivate as another would labor to enlighten and remove. Left by the death of his wife in sole guardianship of his little daughter, he had taken her into closest companionship, and, making his passion for scientific study and observation, together with his interest in extensive land claims, an excuse for retirement to the solitudes of Nature, he had assumed so entirely the direction of the child's education and influences, that, while schooled in the highest principles of Christianity, she had been designedly held in total ignorance of its name and history; for Paul Reichardt pursued his investigation of spiritual mysteries with as fearless experiments on tender human subjects as he used with dumb inanimate objects in the study of Nature.

"What is Christmas?" he repeated, after a pause, marking the girl's delighted study in a bazaar-window of an illuminated picture of the Holy Child smiling under the mellow radiance of the guiding star; "it is the day observed in commemoration of the birth of one who declared Himself the Saviour of the world," he explained, with all possible brevity.

Bertha turned on her tutor with wide, eager, questioning eyes.

"But you have never spoken to me of this wonderful being," she said, reproachfully.

"No," Reichardt answered, thoughtfully; "after you have read the Life which I shall put in your hands to-night, I may tell you my reasons for so long withholding it," and he leaned forward with further directions to the coachman, who turned, presently, into more sombre streets. Gradually a marked change came over the spirit of the scene. The shadows deepened, the sounds grew more discordant and jarring, and the atmosphere seemed reeking with the taint of evil.

Bertha, shuddering, drew closer to her protector and subsided into silence. Curses and ribald jests of unknown meaning smote her ears with pain and filled her with shivering, nameless dread, while strange faces, scarred with the burning fires of sin, leered at her through the smouldering gloom of the narrow, filthy streets, where want and misery and degradation and despair on every hand made hopeless, heart-rending appeals to charity that would, yet knew not how to, help and bless.

"Let us go—let us get back to our own lovely home in the mountains," cried the suddenly heart-sick girl, with the tremor of a frightened bird; "I did not know the world was like this!"

"But it is Christmas Eve," said Paul Reichardt, with a subtle meaning that she did not comprehend, as he leaned forward again to direct a swift retreat and return to his hotel.

When, a little later, Bertha was settled for the night in her own quiet quarters, he brought to her a small, unchaptered copy of St. Matthew's Gospel, with the charge to read and reflect according to the habit he had impressed on her as the aim and end of all reading which he placed in her hands, and she had been singularly restricted in her own selections.

It was long past midnight when she closed the book unheralded to her as sacred or significant, but perused with an eagerness surpassing her usual interest in the biographies of heroes, philosophers, and poets, which had been submitted to her study and criticism with a care that, however exalted the character illustrated, there should be no allusion to the Christian faith and history.

The effect on Bertha Reichardt's sensitive and impressible mind was far more vivid and intense than if the story, with all its marvelous meaning, had been drilled in by labored lesson and life-long urgence of its claims, which she would have accepted, doubtless, as many do, without the mental effort of reviewing the faith taught.

The full glory of the Master's life upon earth, the absolute power of His teaching, breaking all at once upon a mind trained to the noble conceptions of duty and to the contemplation of lofty ideals, inspired an instantaneous sense of reality and left no space for doubt

The student and experimentist, in his own flesh and spirit, had no need to question the results of his test when he sought his daughter next morning. Her face was aglow with an enthusiasm of faith, which communicated itself insensibly to the heart of the man who had questioned, weighed, measured, and found wanting, until he believed he had lost trust in everything but the constant and unrelenting laws of nature, beyond which lay he knew not what intangible, impersonal power.

"Ah! isn't it beautiful to know that God Himself lived our life and taught us what to do?" said the child, with simplicity, when she had reviewed with her father, as had been her habit, the wonderful events of the history he had last given her to read. "Why did you hold this marvelous book so long away from me, dear father? It must be old—the style is so quaint and simple, yet majestic and grand as the roll of the winds through the wooded canons where I used to kneel and pray (to I know not what) that the unnamed Power of the Universe would reveal itself to me. You have given me no such study in literature as this, quite apart from the lessons in life that are written in letters of light."

"And what seems to you the leading lesson in this late-found revelation, my child?" asked Reichardt, intent, under the sting of reproach, on the fact he had schemed to develop.

"Why—the comfort of the poor, the healing of the sick, the bearing of this beautiful gospel to those in darkness and misery everywhere—don't you see?" she cried, in wonder at the question. "And I am so sorry we have wasted so many years in living to ourselves, papa! Think how much we might have done for those wretched people whom I just simply longed to escape last night, not seeing how I could help them!"

Reichardt smiled. How long would this fervor of love and charity abide when it came to fruitless striving with sin and the effects of sin?

"But you do not tell me why you have left me so long in ignorance of the Christ," persisted Bertha, bringing her master to judgment.

"Because I doubted, child," he answered, honestly. "It is eighteen hundred years since Christ left the lesson of His life on earth."

"So long?" questioned the girl, incredulously.

"And should you not think the world in eighteen hundred years must be in a measure redeemed from the evils that He denounced, and His kingdom established fully among men?" catechised the skeptical instructor.

"Surely," was the wondering assent.

"Yet the same evils prevail to-day," Reichardt went on, "and are practiced less grossly, perhaps, but with more subtle and refined spirit, and therefore with deeper infringement of Divine Law."

Bertha looked at the speaker with vague understanding of the drift of his reasoning.

"I have wondered," he resumed, "whether, after all, the Christian faith of this generation is anything but an inheritance accepted, like other beliefs and customs of civilization, without individual thought or question."

Still Bertha regarded him with troubled gaze, like a small fly caught in his spider's web of logic.

"And frankly, my child, I have made you the ground whereon to test the reality of a claim that I subject to the same laws of evidence that I would summon to the proof of any other unestablished fact. Holding you, as far as possible, unbiased by the slightest teaching in matters of religious faith, I have yet made you familiar with the noblest philosophers and the most sacred heroes of history, and I believe your open, unprejudiced mind is fairly disciplined for honest judgment of Christianity, which is believed to be the motor power of civilization and the sole regenerating influence of the world."

Bertha threw out her hands deprecatingly.

"Please don't involve me in your sweeping circle of doubts and investigations," she said; "I just know that I am satisfied without a question. There has been such a vast emptiness, such a bewildering mystery heretofore in place of God, but I felt sure there must be an absolute living Power and Presence that would not vanish like a mist at my appeal. To say that I believe would imply the possibility of doubts, would it not? I know that God lived this divine-human life, and everything is henceforth plain and clear."

Paul Reichardt looked at the beautiful, confident face with a glow of fire in his hardened, doubting heart.

"But I have been too hasty," he thought, smothering the kindling blaze under a cloud of ashes. "I should have refrained from giving her my reasons so early, and left her to find her own flaws in the faith, as I have left her to find its virtues. That would have been a truer test."

"Well," he said, "how do you propose to celebrate this day, which is regarded as the anniversary of the Lord's birth on earth?"

Bertha's bosom heaved with a breath of aspiration.

"I should like to observe it in just such works of love and mercy as He did, and make the whole world happy. Is not that what all Christians do on Christmas?" she questioned, with innocence.

"So far as I know," explained Reichardt, drily, "they celebrate the occasion by a grand sacrifice of turkeys and incense of plum-pudding, on which the prosperous dine sumptuously, while they review with more or less satisfaction and heart-burning the costly gewgaws and gimcracks which they have bestowed upon each other in acknowledgment, too often hollow, of the Divine love that hallows the day. And this reminds me, I have a gift for you—a 'Merry Christmas,' my true heart."

Bertha opened with eager, tremulous fingers the velvet case laid with a kiss in her hands, and lifted therefrom the thread of gold suspending a cross of precious opals, with central blaze of diamonds.

"An emblem of the Christian faith, dear," Reichardt explained, meeting her flashing glance of delight and wonder.

"But—but was not *His* cross of wood, my father?" she asked, with a thrill of pain.

"Aye, surely. But Christianity has evolved from the primitive instrument of torture a dangling gem of ornament like this," her tutor responded, with she knew not what undercurrent of meaning. "Put it about your neck, child. It is not the fashion to wear it for its significance. Would you like to go to church, my dear?"

"To church? What is that?" humbly inquired the unconscious heathen.

"A place where Christians worship," Reichardt returned, with savage enjoyment of the child's ignorance.

"Ah! let us go," she cried, eagerly.

And the curious investigator of religious truths, still seeking new developments, was glad to subject the sensitive nature of his charge to the most impressive ceremonials, finding nothing in all so touching as the face of the child glowing and paling as her soul rose and sank on the waves of worship—now bowed in penitent appeal, now sympathetically uplifted in reverent devotion, now rising with the swell of rolling anthems of joy and praise, in which she joined with the freedom of a bird newly arrived in a beautiful country, and singing, because it must, with overflow of love and gratitude, which is always harmony.

Only in passing out from the temple, with her tender, seeking eyes wandering over the elegant, seemingly self-satisfied congregation, the watchful critic spied a look of wonder and disappointment in the ingenuous countenance which held no secrets from him.

"Where are the sinners, my father?" Bertha whispered, as she slipped her hand on his arm at the door; "where are God's poor? Don't you think if they were brought in the pulse of the service here would be quickened?"

"Doubtless. But it would be well to consult the stockholders in this consecrated magnificence before venturing to introduce so inharmonious an element," Reichardt answered, as he conducted his daughter down the marble steps.

She looked at him with undefined fear of his meaning, and did not press for understanding.

"But let us go to those wretched people whom we passed last night," she said presently. "I have more courage to meet them to-day, papa."

"Don't you feel, my dear, that it would be more agreeable to celebrate your first Christmas with refined and high-bred Christians?" her father asked, solicitously.

"That is not as the Master did," the young follower said, with simplicity. "And don't you think, on this day of all others, we ought to try to live His life of love and blessing and self-sacrifice?"

"As you will, Bertha. I am ready to co-operate with you in any work that you feel to be consonant with the spirit of the day," Paul Reichardt responded loyally.

And for the first time in his life, finding excuse in the free greetings of the season, he gave himself heart and soul to a round of charitable visits, supplementing with his practical knowledge of ways and means the impulsive benevolence of his inspired leader. It was a delicate undertaking, but the tender human interest of the child-woman, combined with her vital faith in the name she carried, lent her an almost divine power of approach which appealed with scarcely more force to those she sought with help and comfort than to the unbelieving man who followed her, amazed as by a later revelation.

But the undreamed need and destitution coming to Bertha Reichardt's knowledge in that day's experience smote her sensitive heart with poignant suffering.

"O, my father!" she said, coming out of an abode of want and misery, whither the appeal of a child had led her, while Reichardt waited outside the door, "this cross upon my bosom burns like a coal of fire!"

"You would like to dispense its value in Christmas gifts to the poor?" her father suggested.

"Oh!—may I?" she whispered, breathlessly. "But it is your Christmas gift,—I should preserve it always. And yet," she added, thoughtfully, "what is it that He says about laying up treasures where rust will not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal? Do you remember?"

"Yes, make a heavenly investment of my gift, Bertha; it already blazes with the spiritual splendors that you have kindled," Reichardt answered, as she drew the cross from its concealment with joy in its beauty, yet with feeling that it was sunshine selfishly shut in and warming no heart but hers. "Let us take it back to the jeweler's, dear, he may not be able to see the intrinsic value it has acquired in your view, nor guess the Christ-like mission to which it is sacrificed; but with the instinct of his class to secure himself from loss, he will yet award you more than you seem likely to gain in its possession."

There was not an instant's hesitation in accepting this suggestion, and the nightfall found the precious stones of Bertha's cross transmuted to invalid and childhood comforts all along the line of her Christmas visits, which had been swift and surprising, as the dip of a beautiful bird that drops one rapturous strain of song and is gone.

"But there is one thing, papa, that I have forgotten," she said, with a flush of shame, when they were seated at home that evening. "I—I have not thought of a Christmas present for you."

"Indeed, but you have given me something without price, my true heart," Paul Reichardt said, reverently, kissing the hand laid on his—"a faith in God and a care for my fellow-man."

"Would you not always have had this faith if you had done the things that He said?" questioned the child, in innocent wonder.—*Arthur's Magazine.*

Drifting into Bachelorhood.

Disguise the fact as he may, the single man experiences a decidedly unpleasant feeling as he comes in sight of the thirty-fifth milestone on the road of life. For fifteen years previous he has been counted as one of "the boys," and no thought of the "lean and slippered pantaloon" has ever before occurred to him. Gradually, however, he finds that he would just as soon sit by a warm fireside as to go out and make a night of it with the gang. He wonders why he don't recover from the effects of a dance as easily as he used to. He can't wear boots as small as those which graced his pedal extremities ten years before, and he gazes with concern at the amount of the tailor's tape it takes to measure him for a vest. Insensibly he grows somewhat careless about his wardrobe, and he is not greatly troubled if the knot in his necktie is somewhat out of shape. He can now go out of an evening with a vest of last season's cut without any fear of losing his social status. He doesn't inquire with any great degree of solicitude what will be the style of collars this winter.

But all these changes are remarked by the man who is fast slipping into the "elderly" period. There are other changes which he notes, and often with no little uneasiness, not to say consternation. He finds that at an evening party he is appointed to entertain one of

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Supplement Next Week.

We intended to have issued a supplement with this week's paper, but owing to scarcity of help and an unprecedented rush of job printing we are unable to do so. Next week, however, we shall issue a double sheet (eight paged) supplement, also our usual Christmas supplement to the little folks. A limited amount of advertising will be taken on the supplement. Advertisers must hand in their copy early.

The "Recollections of Otisfield" are unavoidably crowded out of this week's paper. It will appear next week.

The Phillips *Phonograph* says:

"We recently noticed that a certain Maine paper, published in a town with a very Frenchy name, has recently made announcement that it will now give as a premium to subscribers who renew, one-half dozen paper napkins, and to new subscribers at $1.50 per year, a whole dozen will be given. Apropos we give the following item, which is undoubtedly correct:"

"Paper napkins are sold ten for a cent in Berlin. Evidently those Dutchmen actually use the things to wipe their mouths on, and not to look at with tender, solicitous admiration, as is the habit in this country."

Bro. Moore, that's most awfully cruel on a man's generosity.

Noyes vs. Crockett.

This case came to trial last Tuesday in Elm House Hall, before Judge Barrows. H. M. Bearce, esq., and Hon. Enoch Foster council for plaintiff and Hon. D. R. Hastings and A. S. Kimball, esq., for defendant. This is a suit brought by Mrs. Anna Noyes to recover money paid by her in settlement for a claim of damages arising from anonymous letters which it is alleged she wrote and circulated in 1879 and 1880. The case has been in the courts for the past two and a half years, and was referred to this hearing at the last September term of court.

The history of the matter in short is something like this: At times in the years of 1879 and '80, more especially in the latter year, anonymous letters were written and sent through the mail to many of the prominent citizens of this place. Mrs. Noyes among others received a large share of these letters. The subject-matter of the letters Mrs. N. received were scandalous libels upon the character and social standing of the wife of S. L. Crockett (Mrs. Noyes' head clerk in her store.) These letters at intervals continued to come to Mrs. Noyes and were shown to Mr. Crockett, her head clerk, much to the annoyance of all parties. Mr. Crockett, unbeknown to Mrs. Noyes, took measures to ascertain the authorship of these letters. The result of the investigation led to the conclusion that Mrs. Noyes herself was the writer of the anonymous letters she was receiving. A suit was commenced by Mrs. Lelia Crockett to recover money for the alleged damage she sustained in these anonymous letters. The legal proceedings against Mrs. Noyes was placed in the hands of Messrs. Black & Holt, assisted by Geo. A. Wilson of South Paris. The claim for alleged damages was settled by Mrs. Noyes, who paid $1,200 and signing a statement acknowledging the authorship of the anonymous letters.

The suit now in progress is brought by Mrs. Noyes to recover the $1,200 which she paid the defendant in settlement for the alleged claim of damages. Mrs. Noyes claims that the $1,200 and the signing of the "articles of confession" were extorted from her by improper means and that she is innocent of any knowledge of the authorship of the anonymous letters. This is a concise statement of this remarkable case.

Much interest has been manifested in the trial. Elm House Hall has been filled with spectators, many ladies being present. Mrs. Noyes, Dr. S. C. Gordon of Portland and Geo. A. Wilson, esq., of South Paris, testified Tuesday. Mr. S. L. Crockett, Mrs. G. Dwinal, Mrs. Lewis O'Brion and Mr. H. D. Smith were on the stand Wednesday.

Thursday morning George Noyes and A. H. Williamson testified, and the court adjourned to Tuesday, Jan'y 29th.

There was considerable clashing of testimony between "sides," and a large amount of documentary evidence going with the case. Lack of room forbids us giving a synopsis of the testimony of each witness.

SOUTH PARIS.

Oxford County Pomona Grange held their annual meeting at Grange Hall, South Paris, Dec. 4th, and elected officers for the ensuing year. We were unable to obtain the names of officers elected. Their next meeting is to be held Jan. 8th at the same place. * * * The members of Paris Grange No. 44 held a meeting at their hall Dec. 8th, and elected the following officers for the year '84: M., O. G. Curtis; O., L. Swan; L., H. E. Chase; S., H. R. Bonney; A. S., C. Swift; C., J. Wheeler; Sec., W. K. Green; T., S. R. Parsons; G. K., L. Whitman; Pomona, Mrs. O. G. Curtis; Flora, Mrs. H. Cummings; Ceres, Mrs. W. W. Hardy; L. A. S., Mrs. A. S. Thayer; Organist, Mrs. M. Robinson; Chorister, Mrs. L. Whitman. The Grange has bought the past year over $5,000 worth of goods, most of which have been sold to the members at quite a saving to the purchasers. The Grange has lately been repairing their shed, which gives the place a tidy and thrifty appearance.

The new rink floor will be done and ready for skating Saturday evening, when there will be a grand re-opening and a prize of one dollar will be given to the best skater, and a cabbage to the poorest. All are invited. Be sure and come and see the fun. * * * Mr. Sprague had another attack of hemorrhage last Sabbath evening. * * * Hooper Jackson is very sick with lung fever and pneumonia. * * * A. M. Gerry makes a nice display of holiday goods. He has rented the store formerly occupied by W. J. Wheeler and makes a double display. * * * Dr. Holden has a nice assortment of Christmas goods, likewise the Branch store from Lewiston. * * * Mr. Dimmock of West Paris, has moved into this place, and has rented the shop formerly occupied by the Thayer boys, and is prepared to do all kinds of first-class shoemaking and repairing.

A. M. Gerry has a grand display in Christmas and holiday goods. Two stores completely filled with a choice line of presents of every kind. No one in quest of gifts should fail to look over his stock, as it is the most complete of any in town. The rooms formerly occupied by Wheeler, are allotted to a display of his Christmas stock. Both stores are full. Call in and examine. *

J. D. Williams is the man who makes our harnesses and furnishes the citizens of this place and vicinity with horse furniture generally. Mr. W. keeps the finest stock of goods in his line of any one in Oxford Co., consisting of harnesses both light and heavy, of all patterns and styles with prices to correspond. Also whips of every kind and variety including whole whalebone and malacca stock and other fancy varieties, bits of all kinds and descriptions and of varieties too numerous to mention. Blankets all wool $4 and upwards, cotton blankets all prices. Of robes he has every kind in the market, Japanese, Wolf, Buffalo and Wool Lap robes of the latest patterns and handsomest designs. Of boots, rattles, bandages and trotting paraphanalia he keeps a full supply and is ready to order the latest novelties on short notice and at bottom prices. Mr. W. also trims and upholsters carriages and sleighs in the latest style and most elegant moile. If you are in need of anything in his line and want a first-class article or a first-class job at bottom prices give him a call.— * * Great attraction at N. Dayton Bolster's. Holiday goods in abundance. See adv. * * * Jones' Orchestra has been reorganized and has a new name, South Paris Orchestra. B. F. Hibbard, 1st violin, leader; D. S. Knapp, 2d violin; Mr. Richardson, clarionet; Frank Knapp, cornet; H. T. Walker, basso, and business manager.

SWEDEN.

Mr. Franklin Hosmer died of heart disease rather suddenly Dec. 4th, aged 82 years, 10 months and 16 days, and was interred on the following Thursday, funeral services at 10 a. m. Mr. Hosmer was born in Concord, Mass., Jan. 18th, 1801, and came to this town with his family in the year 1831, where he resided until his death. He has had three wives, and had eleven children born to him. The third wife and seven of the children survive him. Mr. Hosmer has always been highly esteemed and honored by his fellow-townsmen who have given him, from time to time the highest places of trust in office in the town, and sent him in 1841 to represent them in the legislature of the State. And in all his public labors he was faithful in the discharge of his duty, always having an eye single for the best interest of his town and state. He was a great reader and well posted in state and national affairs, in which he always took the deepest interest. Mr. Hosmer had a large circle of warm friends and acquaintances who feel sad at his sudden departure and deeply sympathize with his companion and children in their sad bereavement. All of Mr. H.'s children attended the funeral, Rev. Mr. Haskell officiating. The children live in three different states, Maine, N. H. and Mass., and no two are residents of the same town. ¶ ¶ ¶ Mrs. Milton Jewett has sold her farm to Daniel T. Adams and moved to Freeman Hapgood's place in Waterford. ¶ ¶ ¶ Willie Gray has moved his family to the place known as the Col. John Sanderson farm in the west part of Waterford. ¶ ¶ ¶ A Mr. Beardsley from Albany has come to work in the steam mill and occupies a house near the mill owned by E. W. Bennett. He runs the engine. ¶ ¶ ¶ Mr. Charles Watson, from Ricker's machine shop in Harrison, is examining and repairing the engine at the steam mill. ¶ ¶ ¶ Chesley F. Stevens, who has been stopping in West Newbury, Mass., for the last six months was here on a visit to his parents a short time ago. ¶ ¶ ¶ George Haskell's horse took fright at the firing of a gun while standing at the steam mill a few days ago, and ran away with a light farm wagon partly loaded with sawdust, making very fast time for 2½ miles. The horse was not injured, but the wagon and harness are in rather a dilapidated condition. ¶ ¶ ¶ The farm, household furniture, stock, hay, farming tools, etc., of the late Franklin Hosmer will be sold at auction next Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. G. A. Cole of Norway, auctioneer. See bills.

BETHEL.

The 25th anniversary of the marriage of E. G. Wheeler, esq., of West Bethel, occurred on Monday, the 3d day of December. About fifty friends met at his house, although it was a rough night; the cold norther blew a gale, but they nevertheless had a very enjoyable time. Many letters of congratulations from friends in the western and other States, and many rich presents were received, making a grand array of silver ware, etc. Mr. Wheeler is now 56 years old and holds his age well, looking much younger. He is one of our Selectmen and a genial neighbor. ¶ ¶ ¶ Business is booming here now. Large plans for logging are going on all around us, and many are impatiently waiting for snow. ¶ ¶ ¶ Messrs. Woodbury & Purington sold in one day last week over one thousand bushels of corn and grain, mostly for logging purposes. ¶ ¶ ¶ Mr. F. H. Chapman, our worthy tax collector, is purchasing a portable steam saw mill to work up his sapling pine that was blown over by the late blizzard. The mill will be removed and set up at other places where there are three hundred thousand feet to saw. ¶ ¶ ¶ J. G. Rich is capturing live hares, "Lepus Americanus" for a gentleman in Boston who has a game preserve on an island near Cape Cod. Mr. R. has an order for 60, and sent a box of them by express last Monday. He gets $3 a piece for them. ¶ ¶ ¶ The installation of the officers of Bethel Lodge F. & A. Masons, occurs next Thursday the 13th, the same evening of their regular communication.

FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Comes a letter signed T. Walker, saying: "About six months ago I commenced taking *Burdock Blood Bitters* for protracted case of lumbago and general debility, and now am pleased to state have recovered my appetite and wonted strength. Feel better altogether."

OXFORD.

If the person who removed a wolf robe and whip from Wm. Caldwell's wagon and also a buffalo robe from E. H. Boynton's wagon while they were at the band meeting on Monday evening, will return the same they will greatly oblige the owners, and save trouble and cost to themselves. * * * N. G. Frost and his workmen, Frank Wilson and B. F. Flood, have just completed the finest job of painting that has been done in this town for some time, on Chas. Walcott's house of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Pleasant St. The body of the house is a light green, the trimmings are a dark olive green intermixed with a deep, dark red and fence the same, making one of the finest looking houses in this town. * * * Welch, the noted pedestrian runner of Casco, passed through town Saturday. He claimed that he had run from Casco to Oxford, a distance of 12 miles in 2 hours. FELIX.

Read what Jones, the druggist, has to say in the paper this week. * * * E. H. Boynton has newspapers and magazines for sale. See adv.

CASCO.

The items of news in our quiet little village are few, so I will speak a word of its beauties, buildings, etc. The mountain, lake and river scenery are rarely surpassed in this State. We often hear it remarked by strangers, "This is the prettiest village in Cumberland Co." We have a nice church edifice and regular preaching by the Rev. Mr. Wakely. He occupies the pulpit much to the satisfaction of all. Also a fine school house, costing the district about two thousand dollars. The school is now in session taught by F. H. Mayberry of this village. We have a good physician in the person of Dr. Chas. H. Young. He moved from Salmon Falls, N. H., some fifteen years ago, and located here. By his skill and strict attention to business he has won a large practice. * * * James Lowne has leased one half of R. Mayberry's Mills, consisting of board mill, stave mill, grist mill and box machinery. They are thoroughly repairing all the mills and machinery in preparation for a big year's work. They are contracting for very large amounts of pine and hemlock timber, also for oak and hard wood. Mr. Mayberry, although over seventy years of age, can handle the ox goad with the agility of a much younger man. We see him almost daily with his four large oxen drawing timber to and from his mill. He can be heard quite a distance at times, when his oxen do not obey him. Mr. M. is one of our smartest business men. * * * Miss Mary J. Brackett is making additions to her already large stock of millinery and fancy goods. Miss B., from a small beginning, by strict honesty and untiring perseverance, has acquired a large trade. Her stock compares well with those in her line of business in much larger places. She has no partner now. J. B.

OXFORD.

Thanksgiving day has come and gone. It seemed almost like Sunday. The night before passed quietly—no dance, nor any amusement whatever except a chicken raffle, which ended up with a badly smashed lantern, and what chickens there were took legs and disappeared. Early in the morning a few had courage to go a hunting, but the majority returned more frost bitten than game laden. Linnie Rich fell at the skating rink at Mechanic Falls and broke her shoulder. Although at the present day skating rinks are the most popular of any amusements; yet it is almost to rough sport to remain so. There was a law trial last week. There is quite a demand for hard cord wood. There will probably be plenty in the market when it comes sledding. An Englishman, who has lately come over the water to work in the woolen mills, brought with him quite an amount of gold sovereigns. One night recently, while making purchases at the store, he displayed a number of them. While on his way home he was accosted by a large man with a heavy black mustache who demanded his money. The Englishman, apparently obeying the request, put his hand into his vest pocket and produced a self-cocking revolver, and presented that to him, which caused the would be robber to make a hurried departure. It was probably the work of some practical joker and not a veritable robber. A. J. Lovejoy has had a slight shock, which causes one side of his face to remain as stiff and firm as the brick walls between which he works, while the other side laughs and winks as ever. Mrs. Frank Lord is suffering from an abscess which has formed in her throat. SYLVAN DALE.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

The city school is running in full blast, under the instruction of Mr. Guptill of class of '83, Bridgton academy. * * * Mr. Prince Kimball who has been engineer at the bucket factory, has gone to lumbering on Bear mountain, and moved his family to the Pine Grove House. Mr. Charles Green succeeds him as engineer. * * * Miss Miranda Billings is going to Bangor to attend the approaching session of the State Grange. * * * The M. E. parsonage has received a few patches of shingles, and now you may look for the fall rains. * * * Mr. Stanwood has gone to N. Y. on a visit to his daughter. * * * Mrs. Zebedee Perry has been suffering impaired health of late, but is somewhat improved now. * * * Mr. James Hamlin is home on a visit from Dakota, where he has been for some years past. * * * Mr. G. A. Ford has been a little out of health since Thanksgiving, and has gone to board with Joel Hapgood. * * * Aaron Pingree is quartered at hotel Ayer for the winter. * * * Mrs. Solomon Stone, an aged lady residing at the town farm, is suffering from broken hip, caused by falling down stairs some weeks since.

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Don't forget, when you go to Norway, if you want Shoe Leather, Allen's Store rather takes the lead in keeping just what you want, selling you Boots 25 to 50 cents a pair less than you can buy the same quality elsewhere. For instance, a lady can buy a perfect fitting Kid Button Boot for $2.00, which is warranted to wear as long and fit as well as any boot you can buy for $2.20. A lady can buy a very stylish Glove Kid, Foxed, Circular Seam, Box Toe, Scallop Vamp and Top, for $2.50. One of the nobbiest boots made. A good Oil Goat, Double Sole Boot, Common Sense Heel and Toe, $2.50. Lady's Oil Grain Button Boots, $2.00. Lady's Grain Button Boot, 1.50. Lady's Beaver, Congress, Lace and Button, Flannel-Lined, $1.25 and $1.50.

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The subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

WILLIAM F. FOSTER, late of Norway, in said county deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to HOWARD D. SMITH.

November 20, 1883.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS' PRESENTS!

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Remember this is not a Full List! A personal inspection is necessary.

Perfume Bottles, perfumery writing desks & work boxes, meerschaum and brier pipes, cigar cases, cigar holders, smokers' sets, pocket knives, childrens' sleds, drums, accordeons,

Larger Stock than ever before, consisting in part of Fine toilet cases, in plush and leather, oder cases, hand mirrors, opera glasses, photograph & autograph albums, scrap books,

Music Boxes, cornets, backgammon boards, agate railroad, parlor bagatelle tables, ten pins, pitch a ring, and in fact all the popular games of the day, childrens' tool chests, tea

Sets and Toys of all kinds, DOLLS in full line that that can't be beaten, Prang's and Tuck's Christmas & New-year's cards, larger line than ever before, and at lower prices!

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Also Gents' Mufflers and Gloves, and a Splendid Line or Linen Towels and Napkins, just the thing for USEFUL PRESENTS!

ALSO A LARGE LOT OF LADIES' DOLMANS & CLOAKS! JUST OPENED.

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Grand Exhibitin —AT— ELLIOTT'S Clothing Store, For the next 3 Months!

My FALL and WINTER CLOTHING has just arrived, and I am ready—all ready—for business.

Over $6,000 Worth —OF— Very Fine Ready Made Clothing! ULSTERS, OVER COATS, HATS, CAPS, and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS!

For Men and Boys' wear, to be closed out a small margin above cost.

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ALL NEW + GOODS. C. H. NOBLE, Norway, Me.

Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, Apples, Figs, Dates, and Fruits of all kinds. Also a full supply of fresh nuts.

LUNCH! Hot Tea and Coffee. Oysters served in all styles. Lunch of any kind. Ladies or Gentlemen will find good accommodations and plenty to eat at reasonable prices. Norway, Me.

Fall & Winter CLOTHING! Largest Stock! Lowest Prices!! To be found in Oxford County. You can save money by buying your Clothing at J. F. HUNTINGTON & CO., Who are offering extra bargains in SUITS, PANTS & Over Coats. CALL AND SEE OUR $8.00 ALL WOOL SUITS! AND OUR $5.00 Over Coats. *They can't be beat!* We have a Large Stock of UNDER SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, From 25 cents apiece up! Nice line of *Lace Shirts, Stockings, Suspenders, Gloves, Collars & Cuffs.* ALL THE LATETS STYLES IN HATS and CAPS! WOOLENS from which we make Custom Work to Order. ☞Call and see us before purchasing. J. F. HUNTINGTON & CO., Norway Block, NORWAY, Me.

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The Bakery Store! C. E. RINES, Proprietor. Norway, Me. A COMPLETE LINE OF Choice Groceries, AT LOWEST PRICES. LUNCH ROOMS CONNECTED. TEA and COFFEE, and OYSTERS served. Also all goods usually found at a first-class bakery. Call---next Store to Academy.

JUST ARRIVED, A LARGE LOT OF Box Stationery! Albums, Velvet Frames, Brackets, Stationery, &c., &c., FOR THE HOLIDAYS! ALL NEW GOODS, And Prices that can't be Beat! Call and see them before Purchasing. Pictures Framed at short notice. W. C. PIERCE, Norway, Me.

BUY A HOOPER PUMP! The Best in the Market. Prepare for cold weather. See to it that your Pump works all right! ☞I will put in this Pump on 30 day's trial, and if it is not just the pump you want, will take it out, free of charge. Address SEWELL AUSTIN, Norway, Me.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the Third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1883.

LUCINDA A. BARTLETT, Administratrix on the estate of Luther B. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, in said County, deceased, having presented her account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Administratrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, printed at Norway, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, in said county, on the 3d Tuesday in December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. (s) R. A. FRYE, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

The subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administratrix of the estate of

HENRY W. MILLETT, late of Norway, in said county, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to HARRIET MILLETT.

November 20, 1883.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1883.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

There will be no preaching in Grange Hall next Sunday, as Mr. Shattuck is to preach at North Norway on that day.——The reliable store of M. M. Phinney has extra space in the paper this week to tell of his extra large stock for the holidays. Read his adv. and call at M. M. Phinney's at once.——Mrs. J. Churchill is visiting her sister, the wife of Dr. Lapham, at Augusta this week.——The ladies of North Waterford play the drama, "Rebecca's Triumph" at Mosher's Hall Sat., Dec. 15th, for the benefit of the Library Association. Admission 15 cents.——Druggist Jones, of Oxford, advertises in this paper. He has a big stock of presents. The largest ever in that town.——Packard & Carter recently killed Mr. Libby's pig which weighed 369 lbs. The pig was 7 months and 25 days old. Jonathan Whitehouse's two sixteen months old porkers weighed 538 and 541,—making 1079 pounds.——A. J. Nevers has disposed of six organs within ten days. Somehow the people take kindly to the organs he handles. They are undoubtedly the best and most substantial as well as ornamental of any in the market. Call in and see the Norway post master and talk organ with him. We think you will save money by so doing.——Last Saturday evening, after the regular meeting in which eight new members were initiated, the Good Templars gave a nice supper, at which some very fine oysters took a prominent part; but the people were soon delighted at their being "taken down" a little, after which a very pleasant season was passed in a social manner with the aid of music.——"Our Boys" by home talent in Norway Hall to-morrow (Saturday) evening. We expect to see some clever acting.——Aaron Paige's pig 7 months old weighed 315 lbs.——When you visit South Paris step into A. M. Gerry's, he occupies two stores in Odd Fellows' block. Christmas presents for less money than elsewhere. Try it and see, just price some of his articles.*——D. D. G. M., James L. Bowker of Bryant's Pond visited Oxford Lodge F. & A. M. Monday evening.——J. K. Chase of Oxford sends us samples of his make of cabinet pictures. He has some twenty-odd different scenes, any one of which is pretty enough. See his notice to ladies in another column.——Miss Addie Shattuck has for sale at Horace Cole's some very fine hand painted Christmas cards.*——"Laila" in Norway Hall next Tuesday evening. Tickets 25 cents. All seats reserved. Children under 10 years accompanied by parents 15 cents. See posters and bills. It is one of the prettiest operettas ever written.——One hundred tickets control $100 worth of desirable articles at S. L. Crockett's Drug Store. There are ten pieces ranging in value from $50 to $1.00. Ask to see the card at his store.——Norway has a new dry goods store. Messrs. C. E. and F. P. Brackett of Biddeford, have opened a branch store in the Bartlett block, and have put in an immense stock of goods. They invite your attention to their store in another column of this paper, and would be pleased to have you call in and get acquainted with them and their manner of doing business. Messrs. Brackett come to this place well recommended and intend to make this a permanent business here. They are proprietors of two large stores in Biddeford, which handle an immense stock of goods. They buy wholly for cash and keep a buyer in the New York market nearly three-fourths of the time, and thus avail themselves of every opportunity to buy at bottom prices, which enables them to retail for less than any one else. Their stock is all new and fresh and comes direct from the manufacturers here. Their prices as announced elsewhere will bear inspection. Call in and get acquainted with them, thereby save money if you purchase, and if you do not buy you can look over their stock. No trouble to show goods.——Little Miss Allie Fuller got quite badly choked by getting a button in her throat, recently. She was put to bed in an adjoining room, and soon was heard making a strange noise. The family hastened to her at once and found her choking and unable to speak. They soon got quite a large button from her throat which she had had playing with unknown to them. Fortunately for Allie she was not put to bed up stairs as usual.——The display of silver plated ware in the windows of Mason Bros. attracts much attention. We find their prices for the same are very low. Also lots of Lamp Shades at 8 cts. Brittania Teapots, copper bottom $1.00, a better grade $1.25. Nickled Alarm Clocks, $1.50. Library and Table Lamps at unheard of prices. Table Cutlery, Carvers and Forks, Pocket Knives, Razors Strops and Razors, all have shared in the sweeping reductions for the Holiday Trade, in order to close them out. Call in and see for yourselves. Parties buying any of the above mentioned goods, or other goods to the amount of 50 cts or upwards, have the privilege of recording an estimate as to the number of beans in a jar, and Jan. 1st the beans will be counted, and the party estimating the nearest to the number of beans, will receive a pair of Roller Skates, or Imperial Club Ice Skates as they may elect, or the value of the skates in other goods.*——The editor and wife were recently invited to partake of one of Mrs. G. L. Reed's big dinners. The party consisted of Mrs. Sarah E. True and two sons, James and Asa, Mrs. Dr. Jewett, Mrs. L. L. Cummings, son and daughter, and Mr. J. H. Huntress. It is needless to state that a pleasant hour was spent and ample justice was done to one of the best dinners that has been our lot to set down to for many a day. All due respect to our boarding mistress, as she was present and concurs with us in the above remark.——O. M. Cummings has South Paris Skating Rink tickets for sale. Tickets for conveyance over and back and into the rink 25 cents. Skates for the evening 10 cents extra.*——Live bait for sale by Dennis Pike at reasonable prices.*——Miss Fannie Howe personates "Laila" in the coming operetta. No one should fail to hear the chorus of forty voices.——Price of admission to "Our Boys" is 25 cents. All seats reserved.

MECHANIC FALLS.

Rev. F. M. Houghton has been visiting friends in this place. ¶ ¶ ¶ The young people of the R. R. S. B. Club, noted in this place for their ability, are to give a dramatic entertainment in Murray Hall, next Saturday evening for the benefit of the Univ. S. S. library. ¶ ¶ ¶ A successful social assembly was given in Perkins Hall last Thursday. ¶ ¶ ¶ Rev. Mr. White is away on a vacation of two or three weeks, his pulpit being supplied in his absence. ¶ ¶ ¶ Your statement in the Norway locals, that "Christmas is coming and now is the time to buy a present for your friends. See our advertisements," is followed most too closely by the statement that "J. A. Bolster & Son have a fine lot of caskets for sale." We are not about to make that sort of Christmas present, let us hope. ¶ ¶ ¶ The lecture at the Methodist Church last Thursday by Rev. W. W. Baldwin on "The Possible Man," is highly spoken of by those who heard it. ¶ ¶ ¶ The Grand Trunk must either have lost its respect for the Sabbath or its employees or else it must be full of business, for trains have run the last two Sundays about as regularly, and there has been about as great a number, as run on week days. ¶ ¶ ¶ Now is the time when the book agent shows you his Christmas books at the door if you will not let him in, and in the parlor if he can get a chance. The storekeeper throws his advertisement in at the door now, and the newspaper man with his crowded columns is happy. ¶ ¶ ¶ Rev. Mr. Emrich preached last Sunday at the Cong. Church to a large number of his old friends. ¶ ¶ ¶ Miss E. Hanson of Portland has an excellent collection of over 500 books, many of them by standard authors, and is trying to get enough to subscribe for a year to warrant her in starting a circulating library in this village.

"SPENT FIFTY DOLLARS

In doctoring for rheumatism before I tried *Thomas' Electric Oil*. Used a 50 cent bottle of this medicine, and got out in one week. For burns and sprains it is excellent." Jas. Durham, East Pembroke, N. Y.

NORWAY LAKE.

This is an open winter thus far, alternately freezing and thawing. The lake which was quite closed up a week ago is opening again. ¶ ¶ ¶ R. K. Morrill of Mason has bought the Dea. Merrill farm, paying $1,700. ¶ ¶ ¶ Stephen Donovan received a telegram from his mother in Boston on Saturday, saying his little brother was hopelessly ill. He started for home on Monday morning. ¶ ¶ ¶ O. W. Collins visited the school last week and told them it had started in auspiciously.

A timely word of praise,
Often goes a good ways.

Emerson Kilgore has lately been brushing up his house with a coat of new white paint, with straw color trimmings. It is exceedingly tasty and neat looking. Young and Crockett are masters of the brush. ¶ ¶ ¶ Road Surveyor Partridge has put a good long water trough in place of the small one at the spring on the lake road. The public appreciate the change. ¶ ¶ ¶ C. A. Stephens is making considerable changes inside his house in alteration of rooms, doors, etc. The house is likely to be so transformed to suit his taste that the former inmates would hardly know it. Geo. Herrick is the artisan. Mr. Stephens is in Boston part of the time.

BOLSTER'S MILLS.

Jonathan Bicknell died in Harrison, Dec. 7th. Funeral services were attended on Sunday at the church in this place, Rev. A. B. Lovewell officiating, assisted by Rev. Joseph Wight. * * * Nelson Lowell of Harrison, who has been working in Mass. during the last three years, is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. * * * George L. Hancock has been appointed Postmaster at Bolster's Mills in place of his father, deceased. Mr. Hancock will continue to do business in the store occupied so many years by his father. * * * Harrison has a skating rink. She is not willing to be out-done by the neighboring towns. * * * Rev. W. A. Pratt, pastor of the Universalist Church in Bridgton, declines the call to Sharpsville, Penn. * * * Mr. Fisher, who went to his home in Mass. two or three months since, on account of poor health, has so far recovered as to be able to return to this place. * * * O. V. Edwards killed a spring pig, a few days since, which weighed when dressed three hundred pounds.

BROWNFIELD.

For us, socially, this is a very dull season. There have been no parties, balls or entertainments; no lyceums or singing or dancing schools, and the fever for roller skating has passed us by unharmed. The only excitement we have had, for some time, has been caused by an occasional mad dog scare, or the quarrels of the Baptist minister with his obstinate flock, or the endeavor to get a peep at any new arrival in town. But as it is now too late for mad dogs to flourish; the Baptist minister has left his church, after giving them, in his farewell sermon, a very plain statement of his opinion of their misdeeds; and our esteemed friend "Porter" has visited town recently, and therefore cannot be again expected until another year is come; we are in danger of lapsing into a most uncomfortably quiet state. One evening not long ago we passed through the village soon after nine o'clock. All the stores were closed; only one or two lights were to be seen; no one was met in the streets, and not even the barking of a dog, the squalling of a cat, or the crying of a colicy baby was to be heard. During the day the people are active enough in regard to anything concerning the earning or saving of a penny. Why not pay a little more attention to the social requirements of both old and young? The weather is fine, the evenings all long, and there are two good halls in the village that can be occupied by any worthy enterprise. There seems to be no reason why two or three evenings a week might not be pleasantly and profitably spent in getting acquainted with and entertaining one another. The organizing a C. L. S. C. was a movement in the right direction, and has been a source of much benefit and pleasure to the few who are still members of the same; but as only the seven members are interested in the work of the Circle, its influence upon the public is too small to be seen without the remarkable eyes which "Sam Weller" described. A singing school is much needed, and surely one or two evenings in a week could not be spent better than in attending one. It is hoped that something may soon be done towards organizing something of the sort. CENSOR.

ALBANY.

Ten miles from Bethel, in the mountains of Albany, are situated what is known as the Albany Basins, being 4 miles west from North Waterford. This has been for a great many years a public resort, and more especially for summer visitors at Bethel. The drive is a delightful one—good roads and for much of the way through woods, and part through a mixed growth of stately pines, with occasionally a pond or brook, where very good sport may be had with rod and reel. The Basins are situated on land owned by Cyrus Kneeland, within one-half mile of his farm, and formed by a brook cutting through a ravine of solid rock, forming round and deep receptacles some 15 or 20 feet across, and with the shelving ledges and smooth table rocks adjoining, and thick woods overhanging, making a very romantic and grand—even wonderful appearance. No one can visit these wonders of nature without a feeling of awe and admiration that cannot be described, and an acknowledgement of a power superior to all human wisdom. Mr. Kneeland came on to this land with his father when he was twenty years old. He is now over sixty, and they have worked up a splendid farm on which there is a beautiful pond and from the house some of the grandest views of mountain bluffs and pine thickets on the top and bottom of perpendicular ledges, one could wish to behold. Although Mr. Kneeland has been twice burned out, yet he has rebuilt a large two story house and a very fine barn, all new and in good order, and a convenient concern for summer boarders or transient company, and as he and his wife are getting old they would like to sell out and move out among folks. Mr. K. told me he took one hundred and twenty-five dollars for entertaining people one day last season. This would be a fine opening for some young enterprising individual, and as we look at it, a sure thing.

GLAD TIDINGS

TO THE PEOPLE OF NORWAY AND VICINITY!

$20,000 worth of Auction

DRY AND FANCY GOODS!

To be offered to the people for about 60 cents on a dollar, at

BRACKETT'S

BRANCH AUCTION DRY AND FANCY GOODS STORE,

Main Street, Opposite Elm House, Norway, Me.

The Messrs. Brackett have taken the Bartlett store opposite the Elm House, Norway, Me., and fitted it up in first class order and have opened with an immense stock of Dry and Fancy Goods which they will offer to the people at prices never heard or dreamed of in the annuls of the dry goods trade in the State of Maine. This immense pile of Dry and Fancy Goods was bought for cash at the Manufacturers' big Auction sale in New York, and of Bankrupt Manufacturers' Sales, at an immense sacrifice and will be offered to the people of Norway and vicinity at prices that will astonish everyone. This stock of goods comprises Silks, Satins, Rhadamas, Surahs, Ottomans, Velvets, Plushes, and Velveteens in both plain and brocade, Dress Goods of every description, Cloaks, Dolmans and Ulsters for Ladies' and Children's wear, Shawls in endless variety, Blankets and Comforters in both colored and white, Cloakings for Ladies, Woolens for Men and Boys' wear, Ladies' Skirts of every description, Flannels in all colors, White and Colored Bed Spreads, Table Linen, Towels, Napkins, Crashes, Prints, Cambrics, Ginghams, Denims, Drills and Domestic goods of every description, Remnants of Cotton Flannels, Wool Flannels, Jeans, Drills, Woolens, Sheetings, Night Gown Cottons in Twills and Silesias.

These Remnants, are from 7 different Corporations and we have a written contract for all they make. Also a full line of Fancy Goods. For want of space we cannot enumerate prices of everything, but below we will quote a few of our many immense bargains:

1 CASE FOULE CLOTHS,

All Wool 44 inches wide, regular price 87c., bought at auction for 50c. on a dollar, and we shall offer them at the same rate, only 50c. per yard.

1 CASE SERGE DRESS GOODS, 3-4 WOOL, Regular Price 25 cents.

We shall offer them at the extremely low price of 12 1-2 cts. per yard.

1 LOT OF BLACK SILKS, GOOD QUALITY, ALL SILK,

Selling in Boston to-day for $1. We shall offer the lot for only 65c. 1 lot extra quality for $1 and $1.25, These goods are 25 per cent. less than they can be bought at wholesale in any market in the world. Remember, they are auction goods, and cannot be duplicated.

VELVETS, Plushes and Velveteens, at prices less than cost of importation.

CASHMERES & FANCY DRESS GOODS, IN BLACK.

We have an immense quantity of these goods, which we shall offer at prices that will astonish everybody, Also an immense stock of Colored Cashmeres and Fancy Dress Goods in colors, at auction prices.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS!!

Immense stock in endless variety, which we shall offer for about 60c. on the dollar.

CLOAKS, DOLMANS & ULSTERS,

For Ladies' and Children's wear, at extremely low prices. Remember, that we are manufacturers of these goods, and cannot be undersold.

Immense Bargains in Ladies' and Gents' Underwear.

1 Case of White Blankets.

Extra size and very heavy for only $1.25 per pair.

1 Case of White Blankets Extra Quality,

For only $1.50 and $2.50 per pair.

1 Case of California Blankets,

For only $4 and $5, selling in Boston to-day for $8 and $10.

1 Case of Grey Blankets,

For just half price, only $1 per pair.

1 Case Extra Heavy, Very Large Colored Blankets,

Only $1.50 and $2.50 per pair. These Blankets will only have to be seen to show that we are selling them at just half price. We have sold 1300 pair of these Blankets at our Main Store this season.

☞Don't fail to see these Blankets.

Immense Stock of Woolen Goods, for Men & Boys' Wear,

At less than cost the manufacturers.

Immense Bargains in Ladies' Cloakings.

1 Case Turkey Red Table Damask, Fast Colors, Handsome Patterns,

Selling in Boston to-day for 87c. We shall sell this lot for only 50c. per yard, about half price.

500 doz. Towels in 10 different styles, which we shall offer for 60c. on a $1.

Napkins and and Table Damask at the same great reduction. Our Flannels will only have to be seen to show that they are big bargains. Prints, Ginghams, and all Domestic Goods less than they can be manufactured, and hosts of other bargains too numerous to mention. This immense sale commenced Thursday, Dec. 13. Everybody invited to attend. Come early and avoid the rush.

Don't fail to examine this stock of goods for it will pay you better than anything you have ever done. Bargains received daily from the big Auction sales in New York. Remember the place, at

Brackett's Branch Auction Dry & Fancy Goods House,

Bartlett Block, Main St., Opposite Elm House, Norway, Me.

P. S. Goods warranted as represented or money refunded in full.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GOODS for the HOLIDAYS.

A Choice Line of Nice Goods and a Large Stock consisting of Toilet Sets, fine Toilet Cases in leather and plush, Hand Mirrows, fine Brushes, hair, tooth and nail.

Scrap Books, Card Albums, Autograph & Photograph Albums, Ink Stands & Writing Desks, Work Boxes, etc.

A nice line of Box Stationery, Bibles, Poems, Miscellaneous & Juvenile Books, Vases & Statuary, Moustache and Ladies' Cups & Saucers.

Smokers' Sets, Meershaum & Brier Pipes, Cigar Cases, & Smoker's articles in great variety. Bagatelle & Backgammon Boards, Tool Chests, all kinds of Toys & Dolls; Christmas & New Year's Cards in great variety.

Rogers' Plated Ware, Children's Sets, Napkin Rings, Jewelry, Pocket Books, Picture Frames, Music Rolls, and in fact all goods usually found at a first-class Drug and Book Store.

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In Sweden, Dec. 4, Mr. Franklin Hosmer, aged 82 years, 10 months and 16 days.

In Harrison, Dec. 7, Mr. Jonathan Bicknell, aged 77 years and 9 months.

In Buckfield, Nov. 26, Mrs. Betsey Churchill, aged 70 years.

In Hebron, Dec. 2, Mrs. Rebecca Royal, aged 83 years and 5 months.

In Boston, Dec. 9, Joseph Francis, son of Mrs. Sarah M. Donovan, aged 6 years.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1883.

A. S. KIMBALL, Guardian of George French, a person of unsound mind, of Albany, in said county, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Guardian give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Co. Advertiser, printed at Norway, that they may appear at a Court of Probate, to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. R. A. FRYE, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

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LYNN STEEET, Near Shoe Factory. Norway, Me.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, A.D. 1883.

A. S. KIMBALL, Administrator on the estate of Albert Jewett, late of Waterford, in said county, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, printed at Norway, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said county, on the third Tuesday of December next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. R. A. FRYE, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1883.

MARY J. HAPGOOD, named Executrix in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Calvin Hapgood late of Sweden, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate.

ORDERED, That the said Executrix give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, printed at Norway, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said county, on the third Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed at the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

(*). R. A. FRYE, Judge.

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One Case 7 inch Opal shades, at 10 Cents each.

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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1883.

LAURA J. REED, Administratrix on the estate of Henry C. Reed, late of Norway, in said county, deceased, having presented her account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance.

ORDERED, That said Administratrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, printed, at Norway, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, in said county, on the third Tuesday of December next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. R. A. FRYE, Judge.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS.

—Seven men of the British bark Benefactress, lost at sea November 28, arrived at New York on the steamer State of Pennsylvania. They had been eleven days without water when reached. Fifteen of the crew left the vessel two days before, and are supposed to have been lost.

—Four Mexican murderers are said to have been lynched.

—The feeling of opposition to the Dominion government in Winnipeg is said to be on the increase.

—The Victoria Parliament, sick of the Chinese, will restrict their immigration.

—At Rockport, Mass., the Annisquam Cotton Mill was almost completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at $400,000.

—The Mount Hickory Rolling Mills, at Erie Depot, Pa., were destroyed by fire, involving a loss of about $275,000.

—The exploring expedition into the Everglades of Florida has successfully accomplished its object.

—Thursday afternoon the boiler of the sawmill at Branchville, Va., owned by Joyner, Whitehead & Cooke, exploded, wrecking the building and scalding six colored men, four of them fatally. Messrs. Whitehead and Cooke were very badly hurt, having bones broken and their bodies cut and bruised. The mill was a new one, and commenced work only that morning.

—Peterboro, Ont., is now suffering from an epidemic of scarlet fever.

—The burning of a Pullman car on a moving train of the Hudson River Railroad is one of the most singular accidents recorded. Two passengers were injured.

—James M. Underwood was hanged at Dardanelle, Ark., for the murder of Robert J. Pendergrass. He admitted his guilt, but declared he was impelled to the crime by the wife of the victim.

—For forging a name to a postal money order a sentence of two years' imprisonment was passed in Philadelphia, Pa.

—A broken yawl boat, believed to have belonged to the pilot boat Columbia, which was run down by the steamer Alaska in New York harbor, has been picked up at sea. About $4,000 has been raised for the families of the lost pilots.

—Merchandise and samples of merchandise can now be sent by mail at the rate of one cent for each ounce, under a decision of the Postmaster-General.

—Thirty-nine petitions have been presented to the new Court of Pardons in Connecticut by convicts in her various prisons.

—A merchant who became insolvent on Saturday at Mobile, Ala., died on Monday of congestion of the brain.

—The murderer, Salmon, has confessed his guilt, and tells how and why he committed the terrible triple murder at Laconia, N. H.

—Certain slavery issues have been renewed in Texas by the commencement of a suit against the United States for the value of the slaves manumitted during the war.

—A curious story comes from the N. Y. Custom House of a prominent merchant who called on the Collector and handed in his check for $10,000 for the "conscience fund." The money was for duties of which the government had been defrauded.

—Yanktonais warriors are deserting their reservation in Montana, asserting that they are not properly cared for by the Poplar River Agency, and that they will resist any attempt to take them back.

—The New Orleans Cotton Centennial Exhibition proposes to build a structure 1,500 feet long by 900 feet wide, the largest yet erected except three in London in 1862.

—A. C. Ayres, the local ticket agent of the Cincinnati Northern Railroad, who was arrested Thursday night for embezzlement, made a most desperate attempt next morning in the Central station house to commit suicide. He cut his wrist with broken glass, thrust a sharpened lead pencil deeply into his neck and then used a pocket comb in an effort to cut his throat. His condition is critical.

—The authorities of Virginia have renewed the oyster war on Chesapeake Bay.

—The Pike County Bank, of Pittsfield, Ill., has failed.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A number of Congressmen and other prominent citizens called upon President Arthur to urge his interposition in behalf of O'Donnell, sentenced at London to be hanged for the murder of Carey, the Irish informer.

The Mexican Veterans called at the White House as a body and paid their respects to the President. They were received in the East room and presented individually to the President.

Three bills have been introduced in the House prohibiting a government for Alaska, and another will be.

The Senate has already before it more than four hundred bills, and warning has been given that nearly two thousand measures will be introduced in the House this week.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the payment on and after this date without rebate of interest of bonds embraced in the one hundred and twenty-third call, which will mature on December 15th, payment to be made in the order of presentation of the bonds.

Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, will introduce a bill limiting the number of members of the House to 351.

The Shipping bill which failed to become a law last session will be again introduced in the House by Mr. Dingley, of Maine.

The Secretary of the Treasury transmitted to Congress the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885. The amount estimated for all expenses of the government is 283,125,305, being $22,323,282 less than the aggregate of appropriations for the present fiscal year, and $37,154,857 less than the sum called for in the estimates submitted last year.

The Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue says that the internal taxes already collected for the present fiscal year are at the rate of $123,000,000 per annum. He estimates that the collections for the entire year will amount to about $130,000,000. This estimate includes between $6,000,000 and $7,000,000, to be collected in special taxes in April and May, but does not include an increase which is anticipated from spirits forced out of bond.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Senator Frye introduced a bill to remove certain burdens on the American merchant marine, to encourage the American foreign carrying trade and to amend the laws relating to the shipment and discharge of seamen.

Senator Logan introduced a bounty land bill which provides that every person, either in the army or navy, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, is entitled to eighty acres of public land, either for himself or his heirs; for service of between one and two years, 120 acres, and for over two years of service, 160 acres.

Senator Cullom, of Illinois, introduced a bill to reorganize the legislative power of the Territory of Utah, which provides that the legislative power of the Territory shall be vested in the Governor, and a legislative council, composed of nine members, to be appointed by the President.

HOUSE.

Ex-Clerk of the House McPherson has prepared an exact tabular statement of the membership of the House, showing that it is composed of 196 Democrats, 118 Republicans, 5 Readjusters, 3 Independants—Messrs. Lyman, of Massachusetts; York, of North Carolina, and Ochiltree, of Texas—and 1 Greenback-Labor. There are two vacancies in the Second Mississippi and Seventh Virginia districts.

The Virginia contested election case was referred to the Committee on Elections, when appointed, with instructions to report on the legal question involved.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

—News has reached Aden that a great force of hill tribes attacked five companies of Egyptian troops which were reconnoitering outside of Suakim on the 5th inst., and that severe fighting ensued, in which the Egyptians were completely annihilated and their artillery captured. The Egyptian force consisted of 700 picked troops. The natives numbered several thousand.

—Diplomatic negotiations between France and China still drag. Sontay has been reconnoitered by the French and preparations made for assault.

—England makes no objection to the presence of a Turkish fleet in the Red Sea, provided it acts in concert with the British fleet.

—The French Tribunal of Commerce has sentenced Sarah Bernhardt and her husband jointly to pay 125,000f. to the gentleman who stood part security to Mr. Mayer, of the Gaiety Theatre, London, Sarah Bernhardt having broken her contract.

—M. Emile Welti (Liberal), now Vice President, has been elected President of Switzerland, and Dr. K. Schenck (Radical), Minister of the Interior, has been chosen Vice President.

—A Nihilist prisoner publishes an appalling account of the dirt, cruelty and wickedness of Russian prisons.

—The Spanish officers of Lerida, in view of the rumors of an attempt of some kind on the French frontier have been ordered to sleep in the barracks.

—England's permission is sought to recruit the Egyptian army from Turkish soldiers.

—It is semi-officially announced that England, Germany, America, Russia and France will participate in a joint protection of their subjects and interests in China in the event of war.

—A riot occurred in Wexford, Ireland, on Sunday night.

—An Invincible undergoing penal servitude has offered to give evidence in regard to the murder of Mrs. Smythe in Ireland in April, 1882.

—The Land Leaguers will memorialize the Home Secretary for a commutation of O'Donnell's sentence.

—The Pope congratulates Archbishop McCabe on his letter denouncing Irish secret societies.

—The French expect to march inland in Madagascar in February.

—A Hong Kong correspondent gives an account of the burning of a church by a mob at Canton. The residents of the foreign quarter, Shameen, are safe.

—England and Spain are about to renew negotiations for a commercial treaty.

—The boys employed in several collieries in South and West Yorkshire, England, have struck for increased wages. Owing to this action nearly five thousand men are compelled to cease work.

—The Palace of the Belgian Legislative Chambers at Brussels has been burned.

—Fifteen men have been indicted for the murder of Mrs. Smythe, in Ireland.

—The fire in the Haskieni quarter of Constantinople, which broke out Thursday, was subdued after raging eight hours. The government is relieving the sufferers. The fire destroyed 600 houses, a Greek church and four Jewish synagogues. A snow storm was prevailing at the time of the fire, which added greatly to the sufferings of the people rendered homeless by the conflagration.

The Lime-Kiln Club.

In view of the recent disastrous conflagrations in different parts of the country the Committee on Personal Safety of the Lime-Kiln Club have recommended as follows:

No member of the club will be allowed to scratch a match on his leg in Paradise Hall.

No smoking within ten feet of the wood-box, which has not been cleared out in three years.

All clay pipes must have a brass cover with a hinge, and all cigars must be smoked over an open tin pail.

In case of a fire during a session of the club the janitor will consult with the guard in the ante-room and ascertain if all escape has been cut off by the stairway. If not he will quietly move that the meeting adjourn to see a dog-fight in the alley. If the stairway is one solid sheet of flame, which will probably be the case, the janitor will calmly raise all the alley windows and inform the meeting that there is no particular hurry about leaving.

In case the members have to leave the hall by way of the windows, the safe will be thrown out first, followed by Elder Toots, Old Man Jackson, Gum Arabic Smith and Bless Me Taylor. Brother Gardner will by this time have a soft spot to strike on, and he will be followed by the other officers in regular order.

In case there are any broken legs the victims will be carried into the nearest grocery for temporary treatment and to be interviewed by the reporter. Each one will claim that Paradise Hall was a roaring sea of flames before he would consent to leave it.

In case Samuel Shin attempts to crowd his way to the window before his turn comes, Giveadam Jones will be prepared to stretch him lifeless by a blow from a sand club.

If a fire takes place in the hall outside of a meeting, the members will be expected to make their way there with all possible dispatch and use every exertion to save the valuable books and relics and works of art.

It was further recommended that the hall be insured for six times its value, so that the club would stand some show of securing actual damages in case of a fire.

Also, that the janitor remain for thirty minutes after the close of meeting.

DECLINED.—An aged colored couple in Terre Haute, Ind., who have had twenty-five children, four of whom were killed in the war, decline a pension, saying that the Government had done enough for them in emancipating their race.

UNITED STATES TREASURY

A PLETHORIC PURSE.

The Figures of the Secretary with his Recommendations—The Trade Dollar, Etc.

The Secretary of the Treasury reports that the ordinary revenues from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883, were:

From customs	$214,706,496 93
Internal revenue	144,720,808 98
Sales of public lands	7,955,864 42
Tax on circulation and deposits of national banks	9,111,068 85
Profits on coinage, bullion deposits, and assays	4,460,205 17
Customs fees, fines, penalties, etc.	1,436,286 34
Fees—consular, letters patent, and lands	3,822,361 64
Repayment of interest by Pacific Railway companies	1,556,866 90
Sinking fund for Pacific railway companies	1,822,103 11
Deposits by individuals for surveying public lands	1,221,611 76
Proceeds of sales of Government property	285,055 02
Proceeds of sale of post-office property in New York city	648,694 82
Indian trust funds	121,000 00
Donations toward liquidating the public debt	964,426 87
Japanese indemnity fund	1,839,523 99
Immigrant fund	231,476 50
Revenues of the District of Columbia	1,970,938 47
Miscellaneous sources	2,413,832 18
Total ordinary receipts	$398,287,581 95

The ordinary expenditures for the same period were:

For civil expenses	$ 22,843,285 76
Foreign intercourse	2,419,275 24
Indians	7,62,590 34
Pensions	66,012,578 64
Military establishment, including river and harbor improvements and arsenals	48,911,382 93
Naval establishment, including vessels, machinery, and improvements at navy yards	15,283,437 17
Miscellaneous expenditures, including public buildings, lighthouses, and collecting the revenue	40,098,432 78
Expenditures on account of the District of Columbia	3,817,028 48
Interest on the public debt	59,160,131 25
Total ordinary expenditures	$265,408,137 54
Leaving a surplus revenue of	132,897,444 41
Which, with an amount drawn from the cash balance in the Treasury of	1,299,312 55
Making	$134,178,756 96

Was applied to the redemption:

Of bonds for the sinking fund	44,850,700 00
Fractional currency for the sinking fund	46,556 96
Funded loan of 1881, continued at 3½ per cent	65,380,250 00
Loan of July and August, 1861, continued at 3½ per cent	20,594,600 00
Funded loan of 1907	1,418,850 00
Funded loan of 1881	719,150 00
Loan of February, 1861	18,000 00
Loan of July and August, 1861	266,600 00
Loan of March, 1863	116,850 00
Loan of July, 1882	47,650 00
Five-twenties of 1862	10,300 00
Five-twenties of 1864	7,050 00
Five-twenties of 1865	9,600 00
Ten-forties of 1864	139,550 00
Consols of 1865	40,300 00
Consols of 1867	235,700 00
Consols of 1868	154,650 00
Oregon War debt	5,450 00
Refunding certificates	109,150 00
Old demand, compound interest, and other notes	13,300 00
Total	$134,178,756 96

Compared with the previous fiscal year, the receipts of 1883 have decreased $15,172,048.38, and there was an increase of $9,934,380.05, making a net decrease of $5,237,668.33.

The expenses of the first quarter of the year were $95,866,917.03. The Secretary estimates that for the next three quarters they will be $247,033,082.97, and shows these figures for the year:

GRAND TOTALS.

Total receipts	$343,000,000 00
Total expenditures	258,000,000 00
	$85,000,000 00
Amount due the sinking fund	45,816,741 07
Leaving a balance of	$39,183,258 93

Excluding the sinking fund, the estimated expenditures for the year 1885 will be $236,855,548, showing an expected surplus of $106,144,452.

STANDARD SILVER DOLLARS.

On Nov. 1, 1883, under the act of Feb. 28, 1878, there had been a coinage of standard silver dollars amounting to $156,720,949; there were in the Treasury at that date $116,386,017. There were then in circulation, and in the mints on account of profits on the coinage not yet deposited in the Treasury, $40,334,932. There were in circulation on Nov. 1, 1882, $35,383,786. The coinage between the 1st of November, 1882, and the same date in 1883 had increased $28,391,069; the amount in circulation for the same time had increased $4,136,321; thus keeping up the great disproportion between the amount ready to be supplied and the demand for them, heretofore noted in the reports of this department.

THE TRADE DOLLAR.

It is possible, says the Secretary, to make an estimate of the amount that would come to the Treasury for redemption if authority were given therefor. The whole issue of the coin has been $35,960,446. Some of that has disappeared in manufactured articles; it is estimated from one to two millions. It is calculated that five-sixths thereof went abroad in the beginning, and it is believed that but a small part of that has come back, and that there is now held by our people but from five to eight millions.

A thorough and effective redemption of it can be brought about in this way: Let authority be given by Congress to the Treasury Department to barter for trade dollars, at their nominal value, standard dollars at their nominal value, and melting the trade dollars to recoin them into standard silver dollars, counting the trade dollars got in this way as a part of the silver bullion which the act of 1878 empowers and directs to be bought and coined monthly. Should the trade dollars have been so abraded in use as to have lost a considerable part of their original weight, which is not much to be apprehended, a deduction might be made from the price, and fractional payments made in subsidiary and minor silver coin.

The coin circulation of the country on June 30, 1883, is estimated, from the statistics of coinage and net imports of coin, to have been $765,470,993.

HOW TO REDUCE.

As to the question, What legislation is necessary to relieve the people of unnecessary taxes? the Secretary says it should not be assumed that the surplus in the Treasury will be consumed by lavish expenditures for objects of doubtful expediency or legality, or that the scheme which has been proclaimed, of exacting money from the people for the purpose of returning it to them by filtering distribution through State governments, will find any favor with Congress or the people. In the recommendations of the President and those of this department, and the action of Congress, and in the expression of public opinion, there has been substantial concord as to how the needed reduction of the revenue should be brought about.

It has been generally conceded that the internal revenue taxes, except those upon spirits, fermented liquors, and upon the circulation of banks, might well be abolished. There has been difference whether the tax upon tobacco should be abolished or modified. There were but few advocates of the immediate total abolition of taxes upon spirits or fermented liquors. My last report said that taxes upon spirits and tobacco, being upon things not needful, should be retained rather than those upon the common necessaries of life, which, as a proposition, is not to be controverted. But it was conceded by all that a substantial reduction should be made upon nearly all imported articles subjected to duties.

HOW TO INCREASE OUR SHIPPING.

There appear but two methods by which our foreign shipping can be directly increased—namely, by subsidies and by allowing the free purchase of foreign ships. Whether either or both of these means shall be adopted will depend on the judgment of Congress whether it is better to resort to them than to suffer the yearly loss of eighty-four per cent. of the freighthage on exported and imported merchandise.

It would facilitate the solution of questions of the character above presented if there were established in the Treasury Department a bureau of navigation, whose functions should be to supervise that interest, make a study of its needs, observe its decline or increase and recommend from time to time such measures as would keep it in a state of progress parallel with the general advance of the country. If such a bureau were to do nothing more than to look to the interests of seamen, and keep a record of the commercial marine and guard against the physical obstructions to navigation within our own waters, its existence would be justified. Some of the duties which would naturally attach to such a bureau are now incongruously distributed among divisions of the Treasury Department, whose prime purpose and main work are of other nature. The establishment of that bureau might be effected with the addition of but two salaried officers to the present number in the civil service.

A CITY IN TWO HEMISPHERES.

Where Summer and Winter Have Equal Play at the Same Time.

At Quito, the only city in the world on the line of the equator, the sun sets and rises at 6 o'clock the year round. Your clock may break down, your watch get cranky, but the sun never makes a mistake here. When it disappears from sight for the night it is 6 o'clock and you can set your watch accordingly. In one part of the city it is the summer season and in the other part it is winter.

The present dwellers in Quito in architecture have degenerated and fallen far short of that old gigantic race of Indians who, with the Incas of Peru, joined their cities by massive and grandly constructed highways. There still exist vacant remains of colossal buildings on this roadway of palaces and fortresses with walls so finely cut and closely joined together that between these massive stone blocks there is not space sufficient to insert the edge of the thinnest paper. In one old royal palace of the Incas gold or silver was used for cement.

If the journey is long and difficult to reach this old Spanish town, there is much to compensate one's troubles in its interesting structure. It is 10,000 feet above the sea, and contains some 60,000 dwellings. I am almost afraid to say how old is this ancient city, for it dates far back in the dark ages, when the "memory of man goeth not to the contrary." When you realize that everything of modern invention found here has been brought a six days' journey, through difficult mountain passes, on mules' backs, then you understand how highly luxuries are appreciated. In this way all the supplies from the outer world and all their exports are carried. There are in Quito scores of beautiful pianos brought by ships to Guayaquil that have been carried on Indians' backs this long distance of 300 miles, up through mountain passes 10,000 feet above the sea to their rich owners in the city.—*Cor. Rochester Democrat.*

An Incipient Legislator.

For some time past Mr. Haze has suspected his son Willie of having Congressional tendencies. The boy had a wonderful faculty for finding things that were never lost by their rightful owners. Like most incipient legislators, Willie is a very bright boy and is decidedly humorous. Mr. Haze, however, appointed himself an investigating committee of one. The session was held with closed doors:

"Where did you acquire this?" asked the chairman of the Committee, taking a pipe from William's pocket.

"Found it, sir."

"And this?" added the Chairman, unearthing a pistol.

"Found it, too, sir."

"And where did you get this half-dollar with a cross on it, that I have been using as a buck at poker for the last four years?"

"Found it, sir, found it."

"And my pocket-knife I won at a raffle, where did you get it?"

"I found it, pa. I'll swear on a stack of Bibles I found it."

"And where did you get this piece of leather?" asked the old man, placing Willie in a proper position and hitting him about forty consecutive times with a piece of an old bridle rein. "Now, young scoundrel, tell where you got it."

"Please, pa," sobbed the culprit, after the session was over, "please—lock—up—that—strap—or—you'll—think—I—found—it, too—boo hoo!"

Willie, who was not hurt much, afterward told a boy friend that his father could not truthfully say, "Willie, I have missed you," for he didn't miss him at all, but hit him every lick.—*Texas Siftings*

MARKET NOTES.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The Wholesale New York market quotations show:

BEANS—Prime, $5.00@$5.15; fair to good, $3.00@$3.05 per bushel.

BUTTER—New York sold at 39@40c. for choice in tubs, and 13@23c. common to good. Western Creamery sold at 37@38c., and the common Western at 17@18c.

CHEESE—Factory fancy, 12@12½c; do. fair to good, 9½@11¾c.

EGGS—Quotations ranged from 29c. for ordinary, to 32c. for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

FLOUR—Superfine, $2.80@$3.20; Western, $4.00@$7.10; extra New York, $3.90@$6.00.

HAY—Shipping, 50@55c.; clover, 45@60c., salt, 60c; straw, 50@55c.

HOPS—New York, 24@26c.; Eastern, 20@27c; yearlings, 20@26c; olds, —@—.

MOLASSES—Refined, 7½c; crude, 6⅞@7½c in bulk; in barrels, 8½c. naphtha, 6¾c. in shipping order, and 11½@12c. in cases.

PORK—Clear back, $15.00@$17.25; dressed hogs, 7@7½c.

WHEAT—Spring No. 3, $1.02@$1.06; Milwaukee, No. 2, $1.05; amber, $1.32@$2.40; white, $1.05@$1.07½.

CORN—Ungraded Western Mixed, 53@61c.; Steamer Mixed, 57@57½c. in elevator, 57½c. delivered; No. 2, 63½@63¾c. in elevator, 64½@64¾ delivered; White Southern, 63c. delivered.

RYE—State, 73@75c.

WOOL—Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, xxx, 45@46c.; xx, 42@44c.; x, 42@43c.; No. 1, 45@47c.; No. 2, 38@40c.; common, 33@35c.; New York and Western xx and x, 39@45½c.; No. 1, 44@45c.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

FLOUR—State family, —@$5.00; rye flour, $3.50@$3.62½; wheat, State, $—@$1.16½; amber, $1.43; corn, yellow, 56½c.; mixed States 57c.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 7½c.; crude, 6½c.

WOOL—State and Western xx, 46@50c.; x, 47@48c.; medium, 50@51c.; coarse, 45c.

BOSTON MARKET.

FLOUR—From $3.00@$3.50 for low and medium, to $4.50@6.00 for choice Minnesota. Corn, 66@68c. for mixed and yellow.

BUTTER—Common, 18c.@23c.; Vermont dairy, 24@30c.; choice creamery, 32@35c.

CHEESE—12@12¾c.

BEANS—$3.15@$3.20.

HAY—Choice, $16@$17.

CATTLE MARKETS.

BUFFALO—Cattle, good quality, $4.25@$5.25; hogs, fair to good, $4.70@$4.85; best, $5.00.

EAST LIBERTY, PENN.—Best cattle, $6.50@$6.65; medium to good, $6.00@$6.50; common to fair, $5.00@$6.00; Hogs, Yorkers, $4.30@$4.50; Philadelphias, $5.00@$5.10. Sheep, $5.25@$5.50.

WATERTOWN, MASS.—Cattle, choice, $—@$10.25; extra, $8.00@$8.50; first quality, $7.00@$7.50; second quality, $5.00@$5.50; third quality, $4.00@$4.50. Sheep and lambs—wool sheep, $2.25@$4.00 extra, $5.00@$5.25; spring lambs, 4½@5¾c.; Veal calves, 3¾@7½c.

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AN ASTOUNDING STORY.

AN ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG GROCERY CLERKS AND THEIR STEALINGS.

A Wholesale Business in Robbery—Laying Up Money for a Rainy Day—An Astonished Lot of Grocerymen.

One of the most extraordinary cases of thieving among clerks has just been brought to light in New York city. Three grocers' clerks and a milkman were arraigned in the Fifty-seventh Street Police Court, charged with a most monstrous and extraordinary conspiracy for thieving and mutual benefit, and by the arrest developments were made that astonished the officers of the law.

The milkman was discovered to be the treasurer of the A. B. C. Union of Grocers' Clerks, who took care of the money the clerks steal from their employers. A groceryman who had been robbed gave evidence about the association as follows:

"The A. B. C. is a most extraordinary association. They claim to have twenty-five members and to have been in existence for nine months. They all swear black and blue that they will never give one another away, and they have a saying that 'if one blows in a horn they must all blow in a horn.' Each one has to steal $125 a month from his boss and pay it over to the union, and Krooss, the milkman, takes care of it for them, and they pay him $25 on every hundred for doing it.

"Then, at the end of the year, if one of them wants to go in business for himself, he is to have $2,500 from the general treasury, and if one is sick he is to have $2 a day from each of the other members. I call that pretty good sick money—$50 a day."

"I don't belong to the Association," said a clerk, "but I went to a meeting once. There were only five of us there, and I didn't belong to it. There was Krooss and Precht and Fast, and a clerk in Ahrens' store; I don't know his name. Fast paid in $300 for himself and $300 for another clerk of Papenhausen's that has been discharged. Then Ahrens' clerk paid in $300, and Krooss said to Precht, 'How much did you steal this month?' 'Oh I did pretty well,' said Precht, and he turned over $300. They gave Krooss $75 out of each $300 for taking care of it.

"Then we all wrote our names, and I could beat 'em all writing, so they offered me $500 a year to be secretary, and deposit the money in the Lincoln Bank and draw all the checks, so that none of 'em could get any money unless I gave it to 'em. But I wouldn't. I told 'em I didn't want to have anything to do with the society. They said they had $14,000, and that when a member got sick they all paid him $2 a day a piece for the first six months and then $1 a day a piece afterward. And any one that wanted to go in business for himself should have $2,500 at the end of the year."

Mr. Fulle, one of the victims, told the story of how he had been robbed and of what he had learned about it with minute circumstantiality, much excitement and a strong German accent.

"I have been doing a good business here for a long time, but I found this year that I was losing money. I could not understand it, for everything seemed to be all right about the business and my bank account was all right; but I didn't get money enough to pay expenses when I ought to have been making a profit. I asked my wife if she had been putting away money so as to surprise me by and by with a thousand dollars, and she said 'No,' so I began to watch my clerks.

"I found out before long that one of them, a nephew whom I had brought up, was spending too much money, and I watched him till I was certain he was stealing. Then I questioned him closely two or three times, but he denied it, and at length I took him up-stairs and locked him in his room, telling him I would keep him there until he confessed. He got hold of some whisky and was pretty full, but after a couple of days he made a clean breast of it, and told me he had put $477.75 in the hands of a neighbor of mine.

"Well, I was struck dumb, but after I had questioned the boy closely (his name is Diedrich Meyer, but we call him Charley because we had another Diedrich here some time ago) I was satisfied he told the truth, and accused the neighbor of taking the money. He denied it, and said it was blackmail, but after a long talk he said it was not as much as the boy said. He refused, however, to refund the money, and I have brought a civil suit against him. He transferred his house and lot before I could get the papers served, but I procured an order of arrest, and I believe he has been arrested.

"All the time this was going on I noticed that my other clerk, Tietjen, was pale and nervous. He couldn't stand still and could hardly stand up. So I watched him, and after a little time I accused him of stealing from me, too. He denied it at first, but I appealed to him very strongly. I said: 'Herman, didn't I take you in from the street when you had no home and nobody to help you? Didn't I always pay you good wages and treat you well, and haven't I always tried to make a man of you and teach you to act as a boy ought to?' He said yes, and I kept on talking till I got him to crying, and after a while he owned up that he had stolen a good deal of money. He had spent wildly about $150 during the summer, and had given some money to his sister and had put over $200 in the hands of Christopher Krooss to keep for him, besides paying him $50 for taking care of the $200:

"Then I questioned him and Charley more and more closely, and after a time they told me what they knew about this 'A B C Union of Grocers' Clerks,' and I was bewildered when I came to hear all about it. It seems, as nearly as I can understand it, that neither of my boys belong to this union, although Diedrich has been to one meeting, and they wanted to make him secretary of it. Herman they wouldn't trust altogether, and he never was taken in as a legal member of the union, though he was paying his money, or rather the money he was stealing, over to Krooss to take care of for him, the same as the members were doing, and was to have been a member after a time."

Uncle Eb's Ruse.

Uncle Eb, as we used to call him, among lots of good qualities had one failing. He did love good liquor; but such was the state of credit that no one would trust him. He therefore one day resorted to a trick to answer the great desire of his appetite. He took two case-bottles, put a quart of water into one of them; then put a bottle in each pocket, and started for the public house. "I'll take a quart of your gin," said Uncle Eb, as he placed the empty bottle on the counter. The gin was put in, and the bottle was replaced in his pocket, when Uncle Eb pulled from his purse what at a distance might seem like a new two-shilling piece. "This is nothing but tin, Uncle Eb," said the trader. "Eh, now, it's a two-shilling piece," said Uncle Eb. "It's tin," said the trader; "I shan't take it." "It's all I've got." "Very well; you can't have the gin." Uncle Eb, without much demurring, pulled from his pocket the quart of water. The trader took it, poured it into the gin-barrel, and off went Uncle Eb, chuckling.

The London *Times*, in a leading article, concludes that the continued presence of a substantial English garrison in Egypt is essential to the interests of civilization.

Delays increase desires, and sometimes extinguish them.

Heard on Broadway.

"Good-morning, Smith."

"Good-morning Jones. Making money?"

"Yes—business never better. Sell $40,000 a day."

"What! Forty thousand a day!—at a profit?"

"Lord bless you—no. I must keep trade up, you know—don't you see—and keep up the show so I can keep up my credit and sell my paper. Why, I sold $20,000 this morning at 10 per cent."

"But how do you meet your paper?"

"Why, sell more, of course—like railroads do."

"But the end must come."

"I know; but the money-lender will get the little end. Good-by."

The Meadows of Maryland.

SPRINGFIELD, PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD.—Mr. Chas. G. Addison of the above place states: "I sprained my right knee causing intense suffering, and the use of crutches for several weeks. I found no relief in other remedies and finally tried the miracle of cure, St. Jacobs Oil. In a short time I could bend my knee—which had been as stiff as an iron-rod—laying aside my crutches and was able to walk as well as ever."

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Mr. Henry Williams was recently spoken to about his general health. He replied by making a general statement, which is in substance as follows: I was formerly employed in the sewing machine works at East Bridgeport, Conn., until I was taken sick and obliged to leave work. After a couple of months of hard battle I am about well and ready to return.

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About two months ago I caught a heavy cold which settled in my kidneys, and the pains in the small of my back were something fearful. I was unable to work, and suffered the most when walking or standing for any length of time; had two doctors, but received no benefit from either. I had a natural antipathy against patent medicines, but I tell you that is all gone. I saw Hunt's Remedy advertised, sent and got a bottle, and with the first dose I began to get well. I continued the use of it, and am now sound as you see me, and am perfectly well, and am about to go to work. I consider it the greatest medicine for kidney complaints ever yet discovered. If my statement will be of service you are at liberty to use my name.

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